

CRASH ENDS 85 MILE AN HOUR CHASE



COMBINING RELAXATION and practice during school hours is Bobby Calkins, 19, who rides his surf board and practices the trombone at the same time. The unusually warm weather has attracted many people to the local beaches in the evenings to relax in the cool evening air. PRESS photo by David Ranns

Industrial Land Re-zoned; Hazard to Be Eliminated

After hearing many residents voice their approval of the change, councilmen at their Tuesday night meeting, granted a zone change

from M-1 and M-2 to R-1 and R-2 for a large section of land south of Del Amo Blvd., North of Spencer, West of Madrona and East of Hawthorne Blvd.

The zone change favored by home owners in the area was opposed by the Industrial Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who felt to keep a sound tax base the small amount of industrial land left in the city should remain.

It was pointed out by C. N. Cake, who will now develop the area, that the high value of the land would keep most business out. Also a drainage problem is present at the location and a sump would have to be built which would add to the cost.

Residents appearing before the council complained bitterly of the natural sump which has formed on the land to be re-zoned. One homeowner told the council the area is unfenced and he has two children and doesn't want to find them floating face down in the water. Another man told of the problem he has with mosquitos which presumably come from the water standing year around.

Mr. Cake added, in his statement to the council that he will dedicate to the city enough land for a sump to drain the entire area and bear the cost of building same when he builds on the land.

County Service To Help Veterans

Torrance branch office of the Los Angeles County Veterans Service Office is prepared to assist certain veterans or parents of deceased veterans with income questionnaires received with monthly Veterans Administration checks.

County Service Officer Arthur H. Tryon said his office was prepared to help veterans who receive additional service-connected disability compensation because of a dependent parent or parents, or dependent parents of deceased veterans receiving service-connected death compensation payments. Both will receive questionnaires with their monthly checks from the V.A.

The questionnaires must be filled out and returned before Oct. 31, Tryon stated. Help in filling out the questionnaire may be had by calling at the Los Angeles County Veterans Service Office, Room 701, 220 North Broadway, Los Angeles.

Torrance counselor is Loren Heft, whose office is located at 3231 Torrance Blvd., Room 202, phone FA 8-3310.



DR. J. H. HULL

Dr. J. H. Hull Honored

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, will be honored at a banquet to be given sometime next month by the Freedom Foundations.

Dr. Hull will be one of four educators to be honored at the dinner.

Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent, will be one, the others will be two educators from San Diego County.

Tentative plans call for a dinner with about 500-600 attending and there is a possibility that the dinner will be given extensive television coverage.

Pilots and No Power

A Los Angeles pilot crash landed his small plane in a Lomita parking lot Wednesday night and walked away from the demolished aircraft with cuts, bruises and a possible broken jaw.

Witness to the crash, a California Highway Patrol officer, reported he was walking across the parking lot of the Hot'n Tot Restaurant when he observed an airplane gliding toward him at approximately 25 feet off the ground.

When the plane was directly over the lot it stalled and fell to the ground crashing into a parked car.

The pilot Gerald D. Stewart, 43, was able to climb out of the cockpit by himself and was immediately given first aid by the police officer. Stewart told investigating officers he had been flying over the harbor area when he ran out of gas and attempted to reach Torrance airport by gliding.

The victim was transported to Bay Harbor Hospital where his condition is reported as fair.

Beach Landing
Two young Redondo Beach men escaped injury when they landed their two place Aerona on Torrance Beach, Thursday afternoon.

The pair, Rock Swanson, 19 and Pat Crowler, 21, had just taken off from the airport for a sight seeing tour when their motor sputtered and stopped.

Swanson, at the controls, decided the easiest place to make a "dead stick" landing would be the wet sand along the water. The plane made a perfect landing and was not damaged.

"I was really worried about hitting people" said Swanson. "we glided over once and shouted out the window for them to move." (See picture page A-10).

Police Nab Youth After Chase

Speeds in excess of 85 miles per hour were reached by police pursuing a stolen sports car driven by a Torrance teenager Wednesday afternoon.

The chase began at Sepulveda Blvd. and Anza Ave. when a police unit recognized the bright red car which had been reported stolen just a few minutes earlier. When officers attempted to pull the vehicle over the driver took off at a high rate of speed.

At Narrott and Firmona the driver of the stolen car failed to make the turn and crashed into a parked car.

The youth leaped from the wrecked car and fled on foot for about two blocks where he hid in a clump of bushes. A motorcycle officer going to assist in the pursuit observed the boy go into the bushes and apprehended him.

An ambulance was called to take the teenager to a hospital for treatment of a severe gash in his forehead received when the car crashed.

During the chase police fired a shot over the fleeing vehicle but it failed to even slow down.

into another. The juvenile fled on foot and hid in some bushes. A motorcycle officer saw him and had to draw his gun to bring the youngster to surrender. Here the boy is shown being handcuffed by police. —Press photo



ALERT POLICE recognized a car that had been stolen only an hour previously and gave chase. The driver of the car tried to escape in an 85-mile-an-hour chase on Anza Ave. The chase ended when the fleeing car crashed

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TWO PLANES CRASH WITHIN TWO DAYS



CROWDS GATHER around small plane which had just crashed in a Lomita parking lot Wednesday evening. Pilot of the plane ran out of gas and was attempting to glide to Torrance airport. He received deep cuts on

his face and neck and a possible broken jaw but was able to walk away from the crash. The rear end of an automobile parked in the lot was severely damaged in the accident. —PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

Policewomen Meet for Conference

Policewoman, Maxine Hahn of Torrance Police Department, will as president of the Los Angeles County Women Peace Officers, host some 600 policewomen from all corners of the state who have been invited to meet Sept. 21 for a three-agency conference.

Women police and probation officers will represent the Los Angeles County Women Peace Officers Association, the Los Angeles Policewomen's Association and Women Peace Officers of California.

It will mark the first time policewomen from all three agencies have met mutually to discuss problems and projects common among them.

Meetings will be held during luncheon session at the Jump-N-Jack Restaurant, Torrance with afternoon tours of Space Technology Laboratories and Redondo Beach King Harbor scheduled to wrap up the program.

The women are members of probation departments, police department, juvenile details, the California Youth Authority and other police agencies throughout California.

The same group was successful last year in obtaining state legislation which now provides a widow's clause for policewomen as well as men.

President Carol Marshall, policewoman from the San Francisco Police Department will represent the Women Peace Officers Association. Fanchon Blake, president of the Los Angeles Policewomen's Association, will head her group.

SCIARROTTA ASKS SOME QUESTIONS

Some sober second thoughts on the present situation regarding the Torrance Police Dept. have been voiced in a statement issued this week by Councilman Ross Sciarrotta.

Sciarrotta said he was shocked by the news which he termed a "blemish on our All-America city."

Wants Facts
said, "and the people have 'I want the facts,' he an absolute right to know the truth. Let's let the chips fall where they should fall."

The Councilman asked several questions. Among

them were:

Why was it necessary for the District Attorney's office to make these raids? If these enumerated establishments operated illegally, under our very noses, why didn't our police force act?

If our police department had these places under surveillance, why was not the matter disclosed to the prosecutor during the time that the investigation was on?

Is he assistant prosecutor seeking a vendetta against Torrance because one of the members of our Council made a derogatory remark

against him? Why was our police department by-passed?

Political Move?

Is this a political move by a person or persons unknown to discredit some of our dedicated officials who have given leadership, time, and dedication to the orderly growth of our city?

When those questions, said Councilman Sciarrotta, are answered, "we can place the blame where it belongs." He said the city needs the truth, "so that we may bolster the morale of the many good officers we have in our police department."



KISSING a lucky rabbit's foot is one way to ward off any bad luck or hexes today since, in case you haven't noticed, it is Friday the 13th. Holly Van Zandt, 17, gives her rabbit's foot a

big kiss and prepares to spend a day, as will many Torrance residents, watching for black cats, ladders and goblins placing evil spells.

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